

## POISON PROOF YOUR HOME

"HINTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY POISON INFORMATION & EDUCATION SYSTEM"

### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

**N**ever tell children medicine "tastes like candy". Give medicine only to the person for whom it has been prescribed. Do not leave a child and a poison alone for "even a second". Do not take or give medications in the dark or without reading the label. Be extra cautious about medications you keep in places other than the medicine cabinet such as your purse, diaper bag, car glove compartment, kitchen drawers, to name a few. Always mark any medication bottle when you use any of it so, in an emergency, you will have a better idea of how much liquid or how many pills were in the bottle before the incident happened. Always have SYRUP OF IPECAC in your home, this is a medication used when it is necessary to remove a toxic substance from someone's stomach.

### KITCHEN

**H**ousehold cleaning products should be stored in locked cabinets. No medications should be kept out on counters, or on window sills. All cleaners, household products and medications must be out of reach and kept in original safety top container (*preferably in a locked cabinet*).

### BATHROOM

**A**ll medicines, sprays, powders, cosmetics, mouthwashes, etc., should be stored "out of reach", in locked cabinets. Medicine chests must be cleaned out regularly, old medications flushed down toilet. Keep all medicines in original container.

### BEDROOM

**N**o medicines should be stored in or on dresser or bedside table. All perfumes, cosmetics, powders should be stored out of reach.

### LAUNDRY AREA

**A**ll bleaches, soaps, and detergents out of reach meaning up on a shelf, not on the floor; including measuring cups, scoops, and presoaking basins. Keep all products in original containers and keep caps on products including when being discarded.

### GARBAGE/STORAGE AREAS

**P**lace all products off the floor on shelves and out of each. All products must be stored in original containers with safety caps. ALL insect sprays, weed killers, gasoline and car products, turpentine, paints, and paint products should be stored in a LOCKED area or cabinet.

### GENERAL HOUSEHOLD

Keep alcoholic beverages out of reach. Keep all cigarettes, tobacco, ashes, ashtrays and cigarette butts out of reach. Know what plants you have in your home. Have them identified so, in an emergency, you will know what plant you're dealing with. Label plants so you won't forget which is which. Since any plant, ingested, can cause choking, keep them out of reach. See a list of non-poisonous plants on the reverse side.

### IN EVENT OF EXPOSURE

In event of any exposure to the eye(s) begin irrigation immediately with comfortable water temperature and call The Poison Control Center. For any other exposure, call The Poison Control Center immediately instead of reading the directions on the label of any product as many labels have incorrect information on them. Keep SYRUP OF IPECAC in your home but DO NOT GIVE IT until you call The Poison Control Center and a specialist determines if your situation requires it. There are many times when it would be more harmful to make a person vomit and there are times when it is just not necessary.



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# NON-POISONOUS INDOOR/OUTDOOR PLANTS

**T**he following list is intended only as a "guide". There may be other non-toxic plants which are not listed because of space limitations or because exposure to them would not be likely.

## COMMON NAME

African violet  
African daisy  
Ageratum  
Aglaonema  
Air fern  
Airplane plant  
Aloe  
Aluminum plant  
Alyssum  
Aralia  
Aurora borealis  
Autumn olive  
Baby's tears  
Bamboo  
Bay berries  
Begonia  
Blood leaf  
Blackeyed susan  
Blue daisy  
Blue spruce  
Boston fern  
Bridal veil  
Brides flower  
Canterbury  
Cattail  
Chinese evergreen  
Christmas cactus  
Cleome  
Coleus  
Columnneax  
Corn plant  
Crocus (*except autumn*)  
Creeping Charlie  
Daisy, African  
Daisy, blue eyed  
Dandelion  
Day lily  
Devil walking stick  
Donkeytail  
Dogberry  
Dracena  
Dusty miller

Dwarf cactus  
Dwarf Palm  
Easter cactus  
Easter daisy  
Easter lily  
Elephant bush  
Elephant ear begonia  
Episcia  
Evergreencandy tuft  
Evergreen blackberry  
False aralia  
False Solomon's seal  
Fatsia japonica  
Ficus elastica - all ferns aka figs  
Fittonia  
Flowering maple  
Forsythia  
Fuchsia  
Gardenia  
Geranium  
Glaxinia  
Goldfish plant  
Gooseberry  
Grape hyacinth  
Hawaii ti  
Hawthorne  
Hens & chicks  
Hibiscus  
Hosta  
Hoya  
Impatiens  
Inch plant  
Jade plant  
Kalanchoe  
Kentia palm  
Lady's slipper  
Lilac  
Life Plant  
Limonium  
Lipstick plant  
Magnolia bush  
Maple, flowering  
Marigold

Monkey plant  
Moses-in-a-cradle  
Nasturtiums  
Norfolk Island pine  
Pachysandra  
Palm, areca  
Palm, Bamboo  
Palm, begonia  
Palm, belmore sentry  
Palm, bottle  
Palm, butterfly  
Palm, canary date  
Palm, Christmas  
Palm, dwarf date  
Palm, dwarf royal  
Pepperomia  
Petunia  
Phlox  
Piggy back plant  
Pilea  
Pine tree  
Pink polka dot plant  
Pittosporum tobira  
Platycerium bifurcatum  
Plectranthus  
Pocket book  
Poinsettia\*  
Portulacaria  
Portulaca  
Prayer plant  
Purple passion vine  
Pussy willow  
Rattlesnake  
Rosa begonia  
Roses  
Rose of Sharon  
Rubber Plant (*sap can cause skin irritation*)  
Russian olive  
Sangeveria species  
Schleffiera species  
Sensitive plant (*tree*)  
Snake plant  
Snap dragon

Spider plant  
Spirea species  
Staghorn fern  
Strawberries  
Strawberry begonia  
String of hearts  
Swedish ivy  
Tiger lily  
Umbrella plant  
Venus fly trap  
Verbena  
Viburnin species  
Waffle Plant  
Wandering Jew  
Watermelon peperomia  
Watsonia  
Wayfaring tree  
Wax bean  
Wax begonia  
Wax flower  
Wax gourd  
Wax plant  
Wax rosette  
Weigelia  
Weeping fig  
Yucca  
Zebra plant  
Zinnia  
Zygocactus

\* can produce abdominal  
pains and diarrhea



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